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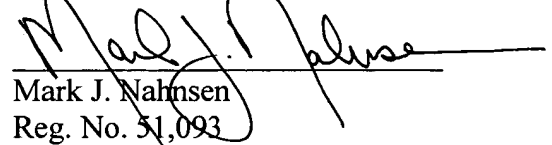
In the Final Office Action of January 16, 2004 it was stated that claims 1-8 and 28-31 were allowable. Claims 9-27 and 32 have been cancelled and claims 1-8 and 28-31 remain in the application.

Given the cancellation of claims 9-27 and 32, applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-8 and 28-31 be allowed to pass onward to allowance.

Date: April 16, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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